# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FM RADIO STATIONS IN KERALA
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the progress made in implementation of FM Radio stations in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has identified the areas where FM Radio stations are proposed to be set up in Kerala;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal for setting up of FM stations at Manjerry and Malappuram; and

(e) if so, the time by which they are likely to be commissioned?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (c) : The existing FM coverage in the State of Kerala is 41.57% by area and 45.85% by population (against the national average of 23.86% by area and 35.08% by population). Three FM transmitters are proposed to be set up during 10th Plan in Kerala at Konni (5 kW FM Tr.), Trivandrum (10 kW FM Tr.) and Cochin (10 kW FM Tr.). Further, Letters of Intent have been issued to private companies to set up 13 FM Radio channels in Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram, Kozikode, Cochin and Thrissur.

(d) & (e) : A 3 kW FM transmitter at Manjerry has been commissioned w.e.f 28.01.2006 (single shift). However, there is no proposal in the 10th Plan to set up FM Station at Malappuram as it is covered by Manjerry FM Station. No private FM radio channel is planned to be established at Manjerry and Malappuram.